

# Fredon Facts & Features

February 2022

## In Memoriam

### John A. W. Richardson, Sr.

The Township of Fredon is deeply saddened to announce the death of John A. W. Richardson, Sr., who passed away January 26, 2022 at home with his beloved wife Ginny by his side.

John, a long-time resident of Fredon had served our Township in many capacities, from firefighter to fire chief and fire president to Township Committeeman and Mayor.

We have lost a dear friend and valued colleague. Our deepest sympathies are with the Richardson Family. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.



John Richardson Sr. spent the greater majority of his life in the service of others. Here in Fredon Township John served in a multitude of roles ensuring the safety and prosperity of our community.

Take a look at John's left arm in the picture taken 7 years ago below. Each hash mark represents 3 years of service to the Fredon Volunteer Fire Company. John not only served, but served for a heck of a long time, and for the duration was truly a leader, and an innovator. Amongst countless contributions to the department John was a critical player in establishing and maintaining our EMS services in Fredon.

John served at EVERY level in our department including Chief, President, EMS Captain, and Relief Secretary while simultaneously serving on the Fredon Township Committee, Planning and Land Use Board and as Mayor, also as OEM Coordinator.

Our hearts are heavy with John's passing, and yet we also know that John's spirit will ride with us always. In his role as mentor to us all he has impressed on us all the need for us to serve our community, a role that we all take with great commitment.

We'll miss you Senior, but we know "we'll see you on the next one" pal...

~ Peter DePalma, President, Fredon Volunteer Fire Company



## February Recycling Dates



**Monday, February 7th, 5 AM**

**Monday, February 21st, 5 AM**

Recycling pick-up normally takes place on the **first** and **third** Monday of each month. Please place recyclables out on **Sunday night**. On regular pick-up days, place containers out on the **Sunday night before** the scheduled pick-up day. **Pick-up will take place on President's Day.** More information on single stream recycling can be found on the web site. Click [here](#).

## Coming up in February:

### 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Taxes Due

February 1<sup>st</sup>

Pay online, by mail, in-person or at the drop box at the  
Municipal Building located at 443 Route 94.

The Municipal Building is open Monday through Friday,  
8AM- 4PM.

## Municipal Offices Closed for:

The Fredon Township Municipal Offices will be closed on Monday, February 21st in observance of President's Day. **Recycling pick-up will take place as normally scheduled on Monday, February 21st.** The offices will reopen on Tuesday, February 22nd at 8:00 A. M.



# 1st Quarter Taxes Due

## February 1st



**Taxpayers Please Take Note!!**

## **Mail Quarterly Tax Payments Early to Avoid Late Payment Interest Charges**

**If you pay by mail, mail early:** Mail service over the past two years has been less reliable and is now projected to take even longer for delivery going forward. It was noted by the collector's office during the past quarterly collection that mail delivery was taking substantially longer than it had in the past, based on observation of the postmarks.

**Postmarks:** The State of New Jersey **does not allow the use of postmarks** for tax payment acceptance dates, so payments must be in our office by the end of the grace period by closing time on the due date.

**Bank's Bill Pay:** Payments may also be made by using bill pay from your bank. When using Billpay make sure to include your block, lot, and qualifier (if any) and/or account number in the memo. Payments lacking property identification may be returned. **Please note**, bill pay payments **are not electronic**, your bank converts these payments into a paper check that is mailed **through the postal system**. Keep in mind when scheduling your payment to allow enough time to be delivered by the due date. **We suggest at least 7-10 days.**

**Tax payments** may also be placed in the drop box located to the left of the front door of the Municipal Building. The drop box is checked first thing in the morning, throughout the day and at the close of business at 4:00 P. M.

If you would like your bill stamped with a paid/received date and are using the postal service or drop box, **please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope in addition to your full bill in order to facilitate that.**

Additionally, residents use may use the e-check or credit card feature and pay online at: [Fredon Tax Payments](#)

If a tax bill has not been received or has been misplaced, please contact the Tax Collector or check the balance of the taxes that are owed online. Click [here](#) for tax payment information.

The Tax Collector's Office allows for a ten (10) day grace period for the payment of taxes. The Payment date is the date the payment is received in the tax collector's office, not the postmarked date. NJ State Statute prohibits the receipt of postmarked payments. Any questions please call our office at 973-383-7025, Ext. #23.

# Dog Licenses

## Dog Licenses were due by January 31<sup>st</sup>!

Annual dog licenses renewals are due by January 31, 2022. Licenses received after January 31st are subject to a \$5.00 per month, per dog, late fee.

**The rabies vaccine expiration date must be past November 1, 2022.** If your dog's vaccination expires



### TOP REASONS TO LICENSE YOUR DOG:

1. It greatly improves your chance of getting your dog back if it goes missing.
2. It lets people know your dog is up to date on its rabies vaccine.
3. It's the law!



before November

1, 2022, you must have your dog re-vaccinated before submitting this application. The owner is required to supply proof of vaccination from the veterinarian. [Click for a list other rabies clinics in Sussex County](#) and [Warren County](#).

[Click here for License Application.](#)

## ATTENTION SENIORS

The Sussex County Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Senior Services publishes a monthly newsletter with information on support groups, tips, events, meetings, etc. that are relevant to seniors.

[Click here for the current publication](#)



## New Jersey Property Tax Relief Programs

For information about State Property Tax Relief Programs, including eligibility criterion and potential deduction or credit amounts, please visit the Division of Taxation's website at :

[New Jersey Tax Relief Programs](#)



# Attention Landlords!

## CERTIFICATE OF SMOKE DETECTOR/CARBON MONOXIDE AND FIRE EXTINGUISHER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED AT EVERY CHANGE IN TENANCY.

The State of New Jersey requires that you obtain a Certificate of Smoke Detector/Carbon Monoxide/Fire Extinguisher Compliance in order to sell, rent, or lease a home. It is the responsibility of the owner/seller to obtain this certification. An inspection is required EACH time there is a change of tenants.

The application form and information regarding the requirements for placement and installation of the smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detector and fire extinguisher can be found [here](#).



## Landlord Tenant Registration



Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 46:8-28, every landlord of rental property—with the exception of owner-occupied premises containing two or less units—is obligated to file a registration statement with either the Township Clerk's office or the state of New Jersey.

For one- and two-family non-owner occupied rental dwellings, the registration statement is filed at the municipal level with the clerk; there is no fee involved. Please click [here](#) for the registration form.

For multiple dwellings which contain three or more units, landlords must register with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Bureau of Housing Inspection. Upon receipt and payment of fees, the state will then send a copy of the filed statement to the Township Clerk.

[Bureau of Housing Inspection](#)

[Certificate of Registration Instructions](#)

[Certificate of Registration](#)

Need more information? Contact the Fredon Township Clerk's Office at 973-383-7025, Ext. 22.



# 2022 Recycling Event Schedule



## **Household Hazardous Waste Days: Sat. 6/4/22 & 11/5/22**

Dispose of lead & oil base paints, stains, thinners, pool chemicals, mercury, lubricants, chlorine, driveway sealer, fluorescent bulbs, household batteries and more. Limits: 100 lbs. dry waste, 10 gal liquid waste, and 10 fluorescent bulbs *per vehicle* **free of charge**. Scale charge for larger quantities.



## **Electronics Recycling Days: Sat. 4/23/22 & 10/15/22**

*Free event!* Examples include: desktop computers, laptops, desktop printers and fax machines, televisions, cell phones, VCR's, DVD's & CD's, copiers, radio & stereos, etc. (*Residents may also drop off electronics during normal business hours. See website for info.*)



## **SCMUA Recycling Center open Monday through Saturday**

Free recycling of commingled containers (glass, plastic & aluminum), drink cartons, cardboard, newsprint, junk mail, office paper, packaging foam, motor oil, antifreeze, rechargeable batteries and American Flags.

**Information:  
973-579-6998**

**[www.scmua.org](http://www.scmua.org)**

## **Monthly Medical Waste – Sharps Collection**

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday every month 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Fee charged by vendor.



## **Monthly Paper Shredding – Document Destruction**

3<sup>rd</sup> Friday every month 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. NO LIMIT. Charge by volume. \$6.00 minimum.

## **Mulch & Compost every Monday through Saturday**

Sussex County residents can hand load regular mulch and compost for FREE! The SCMUA will load Colorized Mulch and compost for a nominal fee.

# Winter Reminders

One never knows what the winter will bring as far as the amount of snowfall, so please keep in mind that Fredon Township Ordinances state that **"no snow which accumulates within private property is to be thrown, placed or deposited upon the sidewalks, streets or public roads of the Township"**. Additionally, please make sure that any private contractor plowing your driveway complies with this ordinance, as it is the property owners' responsibility. Snow plowed, blown or shoveled onto the roadway often creates an unexpected hazard for drivers. Noncompliance with this ordinance may result in a notice of violation and fines beginning at \$100.00.

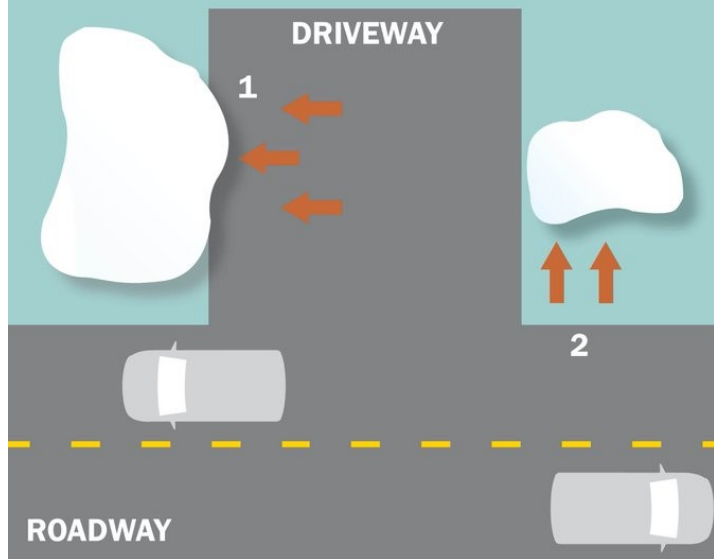
**No parking on any street 24/7**

**from November 1 to April 15th**

Residents are reminded that parking on any street at any time from November 1st through April 15th is prohibited in order to facilitate snow removal.

## DRIVEWAY SNOW REMOVAL

Wondering what's the best way to plow your driveway to help avoid safety issues and snow berms? Here's what we recommend:

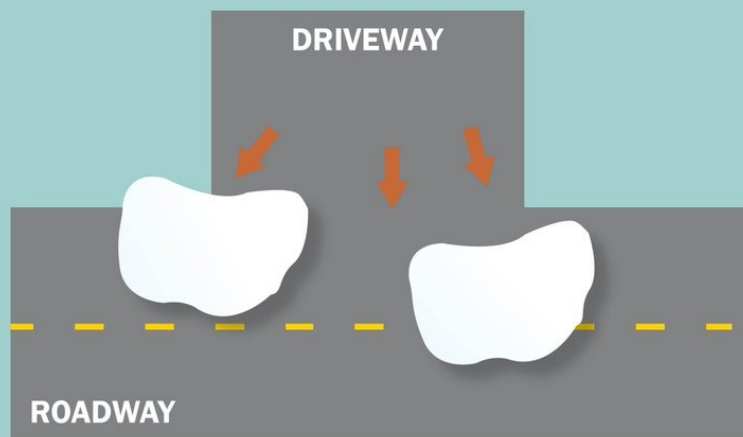


### DO this

- 1 Move snow from your driveway onto your property:** Standing, facing the road, move snow over to the right side of your driveway.
- 2 And clear the area by the road on the left side of your driveway.** This gives plows a place to unload snow and helps reduce the chance of a snow berm being created across your driveway.

### NOT this

**Move snow from driveways into the road or right-of-way:** It's illegal to push snow into or across roadways and rights-of-way. This can create a hazard for people traveling the road, such as drivers, bikers and snow removal equipment operators.





# From the Department of Public Works...

While we have heard that the approaching winter may have less snow than normal, it's best to be prepared!

**WINTER STORM MAINTENANCE:** Upon notification of a winter storm, the Public Works Department will call in the appropriate employees, provide them with the appropriate equipment to surface treat roads in the following manner:

## **Pre-Storm Preparations 48-72 hours:**

- Monitor weather forecast and weather stations
- Material and supplies are verified.
- Staff are put on notice and updated on pending weather.  
Equipment and vehicles are inspected for readiness.

## **During Storm:**

- It is not possible to maintain a snow and ice-free road during every storm. It is the intention of the Township to provide practical safe access to homes, businesses and municipal facilities during winter storms.
- As the storm develops and 3 to 4 inches of snow accumulates on the road surface, plowing operations will commence. Additional staff is called. Plow drivers will be dispatched to complete sections of town utilizing the standard DPW service map. Crews will plow roadways and apply salt as needed. Crews will assure emergency route are given first preference during this period.

## **Post-Storm:**

When a storm has completely ended, crews will start their final pass. Crews will plow and salt assigned section(s). Salt is applied as needed.

**PLOWING CURB TO CURB :** The snow windrow must be pushed back as far as possible for many reasons such as:

- Storm water run-off
- Space for future snow storage
- To permit maximum possible view of traffic of the roads

## **What can Residents do to help the Snow Removal Efforts?**

- **DO** keep your cars parked off the street.
- **DO** remove snow and ice from your walkways.
- **DO** place the snow from your sidewalks, driveways and parking spaces onto your property or you risk having them covered when the plows come by. The DPW asks residents to be patient as we make multiple passes to clear the roads.
- **DO** stay off the roads if possible. Fewer cars mean that our drivers can plow without additional hazards. If you do go out, keep a safe distance from the Township's plows.
- **DO** clear your fire hydrants!
- **DO** clear the area in front of your mailbox to insure mail delivery.
- **DO NOT** brush snow from cars into the street.
- **DO NOT** shovel/snow blow snow from driveways or sidewalks into the street.
- Be aware that residents are responsible for the actions of their contractors.

The Township is responsible for the municipal roads only. The Sussex County Division of Public Works is responsible for the County roads. The New Jersey Department of Transportation is responsible for State Route 94.